

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims and the enclosed substitute specification (under 37 CFR 1.125) is respectfully requested. It is believed that the substitute specification and the new claims will facilitate processing of the application in accordance with M.P.E.P. 608.01(q). The substitute specification and the new claims are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 (a and b) and, while making no substantive changes, are submitted to conform this case to the formal requirements and long-established formal standards of U.S. Patent Office practice, and to provide improved idiom and better grammatical form.

The enclosed substitute specification is presented herein in both marked-up and clean versions.

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned, an agent registered to practice before the Office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification. The specification does not contain any new subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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